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Application No.	09/710,487
Filing Date	November 10, 2000
First Named Inventor	John Josef Hench
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Examiner Name	Tran, Thien D.
Attorney Docket Number	1340P082

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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b. Other _____

3. Fees

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a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/31/2002 CWD111 00000063 09710487
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1001 740.00 0P
iii. Other: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (\$180.00) _____

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